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**Woodlawn Agricultural Society.**

MOUNT VERNON, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA. February 27th, 1872.—A meeting of the Woodlawn Agricultural Society was held February 24th, at the house of Jasper May, in Accotink. Our host having no far to criticize, the chairman of the Critical Committee, P. H. Troth, read a "memorial report to the General Assembly of Virginia," in regard to the tax imposed by a compulsory fence law, prepared by Frank G. Ruffin, esq., in which he showed by figures, the enormous cost to the farmer of building and maintaining fences.

A gentleman from Michigan—Mr. Willis—stated that the old English common law which required every owner of live stock to take care of the same, independent of his neighbor, was held in that state above all state law. This law appeared to meet the wants of a majority of the members of the club as expressed in a petition to the General Assembly, that the law in regard to fences remain as at present in force in this State, which is, virtually, the old English common law.

Report of committees being called for, R. F. Roberts read a very interesting report on ex-cesses, advising—from his own experience—the importance of procuring seed oats and potatoes from a more Northern source, and also to take particular care to get pure, clean seed, of whatever kind, but especially of seed wheat and grasses. In preparing the ground for spring seeding, it was recommended to plow clay soil in the fall or winter, in order to receive the full benefit of the action of the frost in pulverizing the furrow slice, and leaving the sub-soil beneath the furrow.

At this stage of the meeting, Dr. Howland brought forward a can of condensed milk, prepared by the "Borden" process, in which four gallons of milk are reduced to one making it about the consistency of heavy molasses, so that it will keep a week unchanged. Super being announced, the milk was placed upon the tables to test in our coffee and on the fruit. It was pronounced as good as any milk, requiring but one quarter the usual quantity. After supper, the "dog tax law," now before the General Assembly, was discussed, and a petition praying the General Assembly to pass said law was signed by all present. Although every one had from one to three, or more dogs, they were willing to be taxed for them, in order to encourage the raising of sheep, and reduce the number of worthless curs by the thousands in this State.

A report was read of the revised list of members at whose house the club meet in the future. The membership being so large it takes over three years to rotate around.

The Critical Committee being appointed, and the standing committees on next cattle and horses ordered to report at the next meeting, the club adjourned to meet at the house of Samuel Palmon, in March.

N. W. PIERSON, Secretary.

**SHARP PRACTICES.**—It is very hard to distinguish between a canvass-back duck and a red-head, the two being nearly alike in size and color. If the heads of two ducks of the two different species (canvass-back and red-head) are removed, no one but an experienced sportsman or naturalist can tell which is canvass-back and which is red-head. Taking advantage of this fact, the ingenious (but not ingenious) duckers of Currituck Sound and other waters in this vicinity, hit upon an expedient last winter. They cut off the heads of both canvass-backs and red-heads, and then sewed the heads of the canvass-backs on the bodies of the red-heads. The deceived canvass-backs were sold in this market at good prices—the artful duckers thinking our citizens were capable of distinguishing between a canvass-back and a red-head—while the red-heads, with their canvass-back heads, were shipped to New York and other Northern cities and sold as genuine canvass-backs—bringing the highest prices. So neatly were the spurious heads sewed on that a cook could hardly detect the deception. The Gothamites ate their canvass-back, and drank their wine in blissful unconsciousness of the sharp trick that had been played on them by the duckers. But all things must have an end, and the trick was at last discovered by the New York dealers.

The kind of ducks for another by the ingenious plan we have described, was a pretty sharp practice; but a new trick came to light Wednesday morning which equals, if it does not excel, the first. The steward of one of the naval vessels in the harbor bought a pair of ducks from one of the market hucksters. The ducks (canvass backs) looked plump and fat, and were unusually heavy. The steward, elated at his good fortune in securing such a splendid pair of ducks for the officers' table, went on board his ship and hastened to strip them of their feathers. What was his surprise after he had accomplished his task, to find the ducks stuffed with cotton rags to make them look plump, and in one of them was an iron chain several inches in length. This chain, of course, increased the weight of the ducks considerably. Greatly incensed, the steward went to the market yesterday and sought for the huckster who had sold him the ducks. The huckster was not at his stand, but on being told of the cause of complaint promised to give the steward another pair of ducks in place of those he had bought. No suspicion attaches to the huckster, the person who killed the ducks being credited with the sharp trick of making a lean duck fat. If Anderson or Wyman can beat this trick they will have to try very hard.

**ANECDOTE.**—A lawyer, notorious for brow-beating witnesses, asked a man on the stand, in case of assault and battery, what distance he was from the parties when the assault happened. He answered, "Just four feet five inches and a half." "How came you to know so exact?" said the counsel. "Because I expected some fool or other to ask me," said he, "and I measured it."

**FLOWER SEEDS.**—Over one hundred varieties, all put up in small papers, at five cents each, or fifty cents per dozen, to which we add the special attention of the ladies. In quantities of one dozen or more papers, we will mail the above to any address, free of postage, on receipt of price. **JANNEY & CO.,** 145 King street.

**SIMMONS' LIVER REGULATOR** for sale by (tele) E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

## PROFESSIONAL.

**DOCTOR WILLIAM N. JETT**, recently of King George county, Va., has taken the office on Washington street, adjoining the Methodist Church South, and respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity. jan 19—eolm

**THOS. E. WILLIAMS, M.D.**  
Offers his professional services to the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity. Office No. 54 Washington street, west side, between Cameron and Queen streets. jan 11-3w

**LINDEN KENT, S. C. NEALE, ATTORNEYS.**  
AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.  
Practice in the Courts of the city of Alexandria, the adjoining counties, and of the District of Columbia.  
General CLAIM and PENSION AGENTS.  
Office, No. 684 Prince street, Alexandria, Va. oct 27-4f

**DR. LOOKERMAN**, from this date respectfully informs the public that having procured the necessary and competent assistance, he is now prepared to perform all Dental operations at greatly reduced rates—nearly one half his former charges—warranting all work to be first class only. Office hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. jan 5-4f

**DR. JAMES B. HODGKIN.**  
DENTAL SURGEON.  
(Graduate Baltimore College Dental Surgery.)  
Office and Residence 99 Prince Street, (Two doors above Royal.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Nitrous Oxide Gas administered. [aug 2-4f

**DR. FAWCETT.**  
DENTIST.  
(Graduate of Baltimore College Dental Surgery.)  
No. 94 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, Va.  
Refers to:  
Dr. R. H. Stabler, Dr. M. F. French,  
Dr. Wm. Gibson, Dr. E. S. Leadbeater.  
feb 1-3m

**CABINET FURNITURE.**  
NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.  
I have associated with me as a manufacturer and dealer in

my son, **JAMES M. BRADLEY.**  
The business will, in future, be conducted under the name of

**C. C. BRADLEY & SON.**  
The new firm hopes to share a portion of the public patronage, and invites all to call and examine their fine and handsome assortment of

**PARLOR SUITES,**  
in Hair Cloth, Repps and Silk Brocatel; Walnut and Oak Chamber Suites in every variety. We also have on hand some very beautiful inlaid Fancy Tables and Portable Writing Desks, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Washstands and Chairs of many styles.

Those in need of Furniture will do well to examine our stock before purchasing, as we are prepared to sell at very low figures. jan 8-4f

**W. H. DEVAUGHN.**  
Manufacturer and Dealer in

**FURNITURE,**  
No. 119 King street.

(North side.) ALEXANDRIA, VA.  
Respectfully calls attention to his large assortment of FURNITURE, which he is selling at quality considered as low as can be bought in this or any other market.

**PARLOR SUITES,** in Hair, Cloth or Repps; Marble Top Centre Tables, Whatnots, Hat Racks, Lounges, Office, Dining, Rocking, Bed and Children's Chairs, Sewing and Dining Tables and Hair Top Mattresses constantly on hand.

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**NE PLUS ULTRA SPRING BEDS,** pronounced by those who have examined them to be the very best Spring Beds ever offered in this market.

REPAIRING promptly attended to at moderate prices. dec 6-4f

**FINEST WAREHOUSES IN THE SOUTH.**  
**W. H. MUIR & SON.**  
Manufacturers of

**FURNITURE,**  
141 and 143 King street.

A large and fine stock always on hand. jan 25

**FURNITURE WHOLESALE & RETAIL.**  
**STEPHEN A. GREEN, JAMES E. GREEN.**

**GREEN & BROS.**  
Steam Furniture Works & Saw Mill, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Having fitted up our factory with the latest and most approved machinery, we are prepared to furnish all kinds of HOUSE OFFICE and SCHOOL FURNITURE at the very lowest rates; and are also prepared to do all kinds of SAWING, TURNING, MOULDING, PLANING and CARVING in our line.

Wanted, in exchange for Furniture, Walnut, Poplar, Oak, Maple, Birch and Cedar Logs. jan 8-4f

**JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,**  
No. 180 King street, Alexandria, Va.

Manufacturer and Dealer in

**FURNITURE,**  
Looking Glasses, Hair, Cotton Top and Musk Mattresses, kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices. sep 30-4f

**CLOVER SEED.**  
Just received a large lot. For sale at lowest market price by

**WATKINS, KNOX & CO.,**  
No. 31 North Union street.

**BEE SEED.**—Landreth's Philadelphia Extra Early Blood Turnip, Early Blood Turnip, Long Blood, and Long Red Marigold Wurzel, warranted all fresh and genuine, just received and for sale by

**JANNEY & CO.**  
No. 145 King street.

**NEW SPRING CALICOES.**  
Open this day over two thousand yards beautiful NEW SPRING CALICOES.

We invite attention to these goods. feb 24

**FOR SALE.**—The German Co-operative Building Association will sell on easy terms the remaining FOUR HOUSES on Columbus st. For further information apply to

**J. SCHNEIDER, Sec'y.,**  
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**LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED.**  
Another large supply of the above just received and for sale by

**E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.**  
No. 145 King street.

**CLOVER SEED.**  
200 bushels prime CLOVER SEED for sale by

**SHINN & CO.,**  
18 Union street.

**SEED OATS.**  
1,000 bushels superior SEED OATS for sale by (feb 13-eolm)

**ROBERT F. KNOX.**  
CHEESE—10 boxes prime Cheese just received by

**J. C. MILBURN.**

## GROCERIES.

**CHINESE TEA COMPANY**  
NO. 11 NORTH ROYAL STREET.

Have just received a large and carefully selected stock of

**TEAS, SEASON 1871.**  
(No old stock.)

Japans, pound, half do. and quar. do. packages, "very fine," \$1 10

"five lb chests, superior quality," 5 00

"fine," 1 25

Oolong, extra fine quality, 1 00

"superior," 0 70

Imperial, extra fine " 1 50

"superior," 0 70

Young Hyson, extra fine, 1 50

English Breakfast " 1 30

Gunpowder, extra fine, 1 75

"superior," 1 50

"good," 1 25

We are confident that the quality of our Teas cannot be surpassed, and are willing to have them compared with any in the market.

We have everything in the FINE GROCERY LINE.

SHELF GOODS of all kinds, fresh stock. FRENCH CANDY, guaranteed to be pure.

The best brands of Domestic and Imported CIGARS and TOBACCO.

We particularly request our customers to return any article purchased from us that does not give satisfaction.

Any club order purchased from the Tea Companies in New York will be duplicated in price, and surpassed in quality.

**CHINESE TEA COMPANY.**  
No. 11 North Royal street, Alexandria, Virginia.

**GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON.**  
Dealers in

**CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS.**

ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE AND BROWN STOUT; ALSO EASTERN AND POTOMAC HERRING AND MACKEREL.

NOS. 106 AND 170 KING STREET, (Washington Hall Building.) ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Orders promptly filled. jan 18-4f

**G. W. RAMSAY,**  
WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER,

—AND—  
TEA DEALER,  
S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ANAPH STS., Alexandria, Va.

nov 22-4f

**J. C. MILBURN,**  
Wholesale and Retail

**GROCER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,**  
NEW STORE,  
No. 19 North Royal st. and cor. Market alley, Alexandria, Va.

The proximity of this store to the Market House, "the centre of trade," will enable me to obtain good prices for Flour, Grain and Country Produce consigned to my care.

Consignments and orders for Groceries respectfully solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention. oct 26-4f

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**  
**W. M. F. BROOKES.**

**FAMILY GROCER,**  
Has removed to

147 KING STREET,  
Below Washington street.

apn 15-4f

**JOHN BARLOW, M. B. BARLOW, H. BARLOW & BROTHER,**

GROCERS, LIQUOR, FEED, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
Northwest corner Royal and Cameron streets Alexandria, Virginia.

Special attention given to the sale of Country Produce. We most respectfully call the attention of the trade to our large and splendid stock of goods, consisting of Wines and Liquors, Flour, Hams, Shoulders, Breakfast Pieces, Butter, Lard, Cheese, Corn Meal, Crackers, Syrups, Molasses, Cod Fish, Mackerel, Herring, Wood-onware, Baskets, Spices, Cigars, Tobacco, Canned Goods, Coal Oil, &c., and every other article usually found in a first class wholesale and retail establishment. Orders from the country respectfully solicited, and all orders shall receive our prompt attention. mar 20-1y

**RICHARD W. AVERY, F. J. DAVIDSON, AVERY & DAVIDSON**

Dealers in

**CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, WINES, AND LIQUORS.**  
No. 223, King street, corner of Alfred, Alexandria, Va.

**INSURANCE.**  
**ALEXANDRIA INSURANCE CO'Y.**  
Office, No. 91 King street.

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**MORTON MARIE, Sec'y.** oct 26-4f

Alexandria, Feb. 3, 1872

**WE HAVE**, this day, associated with us in business Mr. D. S. DELAPLANE, and will hereafter conduct the General Commission business under the firm name of **BECKHAM, DELAPLANE & CO.** In order to close the old books we must urge upon our friends the necessity of settling at once. Thankful for the very liberal patronage extended to us, we ask a continuance of the same to the new concern. feb 3-1m

**BECKHAM & CO.**

**PISOS CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.**—Pisogross just received. The trade supplied at lowest rates. For Coughs, Colds, and all Lung Diseases, it is an invaluable remedy. Since introducing this preparation in our community, our sales have been very large, and we have received numerous strong and reliable testimonials as to its great virtues. feb 23

**JANNEY & CO.**

**THE AURILAVE, OR EAR BRUSH.**—An indispensable article for every Lady's and Gentleman's Toilet, and an addition of incalculable value to the appointments of the Nursery. Price 25 cents. For sale by

**WATKINS, KNOX & CO.,**  
No. 31 North Union street.

**14 TOOLS FOR FIFTY CENTS.**—Every family should have one; every farmer should buy one; every storekeeper should have one. For sale at 147 King street.

**W. F. BROOKES.**

**LEWIS' PURE LEAD.** Linseed Oil, Varnishes, &c., &c., just received and for sale at lowest prices by

**E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.**

**YARMOUTH BLOATERS and COFFIN** for sale (feb 20)

**J. C. MILBURN.**

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**INVEST YOUR MONEY**  
IN THE

**NEW 7-30 GOLD LOAN**  
OF THE

**Northern Pacific Railroad Co.**

**SALES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY,**  
**\$1,513,400.**

**FOR SALE AT THE**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK,**  
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Cashier.

feb 1-6m

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**WILL DEAL IN**  
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**GOVERNMENT BONDS** and other securities bought and sold on commission. Collections made on all accessible points in the United States, and proceeds promptly remitted. Internal Revenue stamps for sale. sep 1

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**J. W. NALLS, B. W. NALLS, B. F. PEARE, JAMES W. NALLS, SON & CO.,**

Dealers in **HARDWARE, CULERY** Carpenter's Tools, Saws, Blinds, Door and Window Frames, Brackets, Mouldings, Balusters, of different patterns, and Newel Posts. A large stock of French and American Glass, double and single thick, of all sizes—Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Putty and White Wash Brushes, Lewis' Pure White Lead, and other brands of fine quality. Putty, Turpentine and Machine Oil. Also, Lime, of superior quality, Cement, Calceined Plaster, Pitch and Felt for Roofing, &c. A large stock of Putty's celebrated Car Augers, and other articles found in first class Builders' Furnishing establishments.

All orders for Lumber, Brick and all kinds of Building Material, promptly attended to. Terms cash. feb 11-4f

**ROBT. JAMIESON, A. M. CLARKE, JAMIESON & CLARKE,**

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**PLANING MILLS, SASH, DOOR & BLIND FACTORY.**

Nos. 27 and 29 North Water street.

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jan 2

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Sashes, Doors, Blinds, Frames, Mouldings, Brackets, Newels, Balusters, and

Manicured constantly on hand at the Factory. Call and examine stock and prices. apn 8-4f

**SINGER FAMILY SEWING MACHINES.**

The demand for this favorite SEWING MACHINE is still increasing, and the great number sold in this city during the past year is without precedent. The machine is question is simple, compact, durable and beautiful, and is beyond doubt the best to get out of order than any machine claiming public attention, and can be operated by a child. The sales of this machine since its introduction have steadily increased, leaving all competitors far behind. This fact alone is a proof of its superiority over all other machines. Over one hundred and fifty in daily use in this city, giving universal satisfaction. For references examine my books and judge for yourself. Machines sold on the most liberal terms, and satisfaction guaranteed in every case. C. C. BERRY, Agent, Alexandria, Va.

Orders from the country promptly attended to. feb 25-4f

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.**

Just received a large lot of FINE VIOLINS, ranging from \$3 to \$5, the choicest ever offered, and the finest assortment of GERMAN AND FRENCH ACCORDEONS in town.

BANJOS of my own make, very low.

The largest variety of VOLIN STRINGS, of my own importation, the best to be found South of New York, wholesale and retail.

Violincollo, Guitars, Flutes, a large lot of Mouth Organs, Jew Harps, Violin Bows, &c. All kinds of Musical Instruments repaired.

Several fine first-class SECOND-HAND PIANOS, very low, a number of Smith's Celebrated Parlor Organs, including a large one suitable for a Church.

Call at V. BECKER'S Piano and Music Store, 149 King street, Alexandria, Va. de 15

**FOR SALE.**

A LOT OF GROUND, in an improving part of the city, lying between the Gas Works on the north and the Distillery on the south, opposite the Fish Wharf, fronting on Union street, 32 ft. 3 inches by 300 feet deep to Water street, having the same front on the latter street, containing 15,675 square feet. This lot will be sold low. Terms—One-third cash, and on a credit of one, two and three years, interest at six per cent per annum, payable half yearly.

Also, for rent, TWO STORES, one having a dwelling attached; good stands for any kind of retail business; at moderate rents to punctual tenants. Apply to R. H. MILLER, at Citizens' National Bank, or at No. 65 King st. [feb 10-eolm

**NEW STORE.**

**F. G. SWAINE**  
Would inform his friends and the public generally that he has leased the store on the corner of Cameron and Royal streets, (J. C. Milburn's old stand) and will keep, in connection with his Grocery, Liquor and Commission store, No. 22, Royal street, a FINE GROCERY.

where can be found at all times fresh Roll Butter, Poultry, Eggs, Hominy, Beans, Dried Fruits, Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Pineapple, Tomatoes and Corn, &c., &c. Call and examine. feb 7

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**E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.**

DEALERS IN  
PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES,  
CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS,  
VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,  
SPICES